GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LNG TERMINAL AT CHEMBUR-TROMBAY IN MAHARASHTRA .
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an LNG terminal at Chembur-Trombay in Maharashtra is being set up withjoint venture between Tata Group and Gas Authority of India Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total cost of the project;

(c) whether the local residents of Chembur and Trombay are agitating since long against the setting up of this plant in that area;

(d) if so, the reasons for their resentment;

(e) whether such type of plants prove hazardous in densely populated areas;

(f) whether the Government propose to shift this plant to some other place keeping in view the safety of the residents of Chembur and Trombay; and
(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. M/s Total Gas and Power India, a subsidiary of M/s Totalfina Elf of France is the third joint venture partner.

(b) The project involves setting up the liquefied natural gas(LNG) terminal of 3 million tonnes per annum capacity at an estimated cost of Rs.2,500 crores and is targeted for completion during the later part of 2005. There are plans to double the capacity in the future.

(c)& (d) The public hearing for the project was completed in November 2000 and only thereafter the State Government has recommended for environmental clearance.

(e) The proposed LNG terminal is designed with adequate safety measures and there are similar kinds of plants located in other densely populated cities in the world.

(a) & (g) No, Sir As the safety requirements have been taken into account, there is no need for shifting the proposed LNG terminal.